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**MINUTES OF MEMBERS' MEETING, WEDNESDAY 22 November 2023**

**Mid Ulster Council**

**ATTENDEES**

Ald Beth Adger	Cllr Stephen Moutry	Cllr David Clarke
Cllr Terry Andrews	Cllr Alison Bennington	Cllr Joe Boyle
Ald Alan McDowell	Cllr Billy Webb	Ald Derek Hussey
Cllr Errol Thompson	Cllr Eugene McConnell	

Linda Williamson      Admin Assistant

**Apologies**

Cllr Ruairi McHugh	Cllr Julie Gilmour	Cllr Stephen Hollywood
Cllr Eamon McLaughlin	Ald Hazel Legge	Cllr Thomas Beckett
Cllr Trevor Wilson	Cllr Gretta Thompson	Cllr Stephen Donnelly
Cllr Roy Crawford	Cllr Thomas Beckett	Cllr John Smyth
Cllr Alan Lewis	Cllr Christine McFlynn	Cllr Gary Wilkinson
Cllr Adam Gannon	Cllr Samuel Nelson	

**Via Teams**

Cllr Keith Kerrigan	Cllr Alan Barr	Cllr Trevor Wilson
Cllr Gregg McKeen	Cllr Victor Warrington	Cllr Gordon Kennedy

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting and Joe offered apologies as above.

**2. Minutes of last Meeting held on 20 September 2023**

Terry Andrews – Proposer

Beth Adger – Seconder

**3. Secretary's Report**

**Councillors Review**

The interview stage for a competition for the appointment of a Chair to conduct an independently led review of councillors' allowances is now complete. A submission is currently with the Permanent Secretary seeking his confirmation to make the Chair appointment.

We have written to Anthony Carleton requesting a meeting before Christmas.

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### Leadership and change in Local Enterprise

As you all know from the recent newsletter the dates for this have been announced.

**NAC N. Ireland Leadership Series 2023/24, Events II and III.**

**Local Enterprise Training Solutions (LETS):**

**“Developing A New Economy”**

The NAC is developing and leading two workshops, 19 and 26 January 2024.

We want to encourage councillors, senior officers and partner bodies who have a passion to improve their understanding and delivery of new, transformative local enterprise, jobs and sustainable growth to attend.

The workshop will gather, present and report on insights from speakers, panellists and attendees, to enable new enterprise policies and actions at a time when Northern Ireland's economy desperately needs the innovation, impetus and inclusion of local entrepreneurs, local communities and embed local investment in people and place.

Eugene asked that the invitation be sent again to boost attendance.

Proposer - Eugene McConnell

Seconder - Terry Andrews

### Move to Bradford Court

The NAC are moving forward with their plans. We will have the first EC meeting of the new year at Bradford Court and we will be in place from 1 February 2024.

### AGM

Following elections, I can advise:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>From October 2023</b>
Chairperson APNI	Alan McDowell
Secretary	Joe Boyle
Treasurer	Billy Webb
Senior Vice Chair SF	Valerie Harte
Junior Vice Chair UU	Hazel Legge
DUP EC member	Alison Bennington
UUP EC member	Derek Hussey
APNI EC member	To be forwarded
SDLP EC member	Terry Andrews

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SF EC member	To be forwarded
TUV EC member	Vacant
IND EC member	Vacant
Women's Rep SDLP	Christine McFlynn

### Treasurer's Report

Billy presented his report. No questions were received. It was agreed to close the account held with the Ulster Bank that shows a small balance.

There have been difficulties adding new account holders, but this is close to being resolved at which point Alan McDowell will be added and Kate Wilson removed.

Terry added that members fully support the move.

Proposer: Errol Thompson  
Seconder Eugene McConnell

### National President

Beth is attending the NAC Annual Conference where the theme is the Future of Local Government Finance.

### AOB

Billy, again raised the issue of a change to the accounting date from July to March. The change will require the Association to hold an EGM. It was agreed that this would be done at the next members meeting to be held in January 2024.

Proposer – Terry Andrews  
Seconder – Stephen Moutry

### Closing remarks

Alan thanked people for their attendance.

The next meeting dates are:

EC - 8 January 2024, Bradford Court

Members Meeting 17 January 2024 – venue to be advised.

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Decisions/Actions Summary	By